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TO CANCEL CLAIMS, FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Honorable Commissioner:

This is responsive to the April 19, 2004 Final Rejection for the above-described application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b), Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendments (to cancel all rejected claims per the Final Rejection), and reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

**1.0 AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Rejected Claims 16-24, 34-41, and 65-68, inclusive, are canceled herewith, leaving as active claims in this application only allowed claims 1-15, 25-33, 42-64, and 69-79. In accordance with the USPTO's revised format for amendments, a complete listing of all claims

(marked-up and indicating the status of such claims) appears below. No new matter is believed entered.

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